

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE
BOARD MEETING
October 22, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

9:00 am Meeting was called to order by Jeffrey O'Keefe.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Hugh Strebeck
Dianne Biddle
Jeffrey O'Keefe
Luzern Dillon
David Ray

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Della Smith, Executive Director
Gloria Green, Board Attorney
Henry Glaze, Inspector/Investigator
Don Blackwell, Inspector/Investigator
Other interested parties

MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Dillon made the motion to accept the Minutes from the August 22, 2018 meeting. Ms. Biddle seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon, and O'Keefe
Against: none; Absent: None

APPLICATION REVIEW

Oliver Johnson III, application for Funeral Director Resident Trainee. Mr. Johnson's application was presented due to his Yes response to background history.

Mr. Strebeck made a motion to approve Mr. Johnson's registration pending receipt of certified documents of payments status showing current and probation completion. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon, and O'Keefe
Against: none; Absent: None

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Iris McIlwain, application for Reciprocity from AL. Ms. McIlwain took a state board exam through AL.

Ms. Biddle made a motion to deny Ms. McIlwain's application pursuant to Rule 7.1(7). Mr. Strebeck seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon, and O'Keefe Against: none; Absent: None

Dary Phillips, application for Reciprocity from AL. Mr. Phillips took a state board exam through AL.

Mr. Dillon made a motion to deny Mr. Phillips' application pursuant to Rule 7.1(7). Ms. Biddle seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon, and O'Keefe Against: none; Absent: None

Nicole Wilcher, application for Reciprocity from LA. Ms. Wilcher is applying for a Funeral Director but only completed a 12 month apprenticeship.

Mr. Ray made a motion to approve Ms. Wilcher's application based on verification of 12 months of employment within the last five (5) years. Mr. Strebeck seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon, and O'Keefe Against: none; Absent: None

Ebony Colbert, application for Funeral Service Resident Trainee. Ms. Colbert is a licensed funeral director and is requesting the Board's approval to only complete the embalming activities for her apprenticeship.

Mr. Dillon made a motion to exempt Ms. Colbert from the funeral directing activities of the funeral service apprenticeship based on her already being licensed as a Funeral Director. Mr. Strebeck seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon, and O'Keefe Against: none; Absent: None

LICENSE APPROVAL

Mr. Ray made a motion to approve all licenses. Ms. Biddle seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon, and O'Keefe Against: none; Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

73-11-65 Question from the public if a Funeral Director is required to be at a graveside for a fetal demise. The Board's view is the Statute does not provide a distinction and the same requirements should be met.

Rule 6.2(4) and 6.7(3) Board staff provided an update on the Rule change. A request has been filed with the Secretary of State. An amendment will be filed by Board Staff to correct the Rule #.

Funeral Homes that do not get inspected during the inspection period. The Board provided the following process:

1st attempt: Board staff will mail a notice of potential disciplinary action and non-renewal of license.

2nd attempt: Follow up letter and fine for \$75.

3rd attempt: Notice to appear before the Board.

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The Board requested two (2) recommendations from the NFDA & NFDMA for the upcoming Board member vacancies for the Northern District and Central District.

OLD BUSINESS

Continuing Education, Jeffrey O'keefe, Board Chairman will prepare and send a letter to get a Bill introduced.

Heritage Cremation, no updates.

Funeral Director Exam, Board staff provided an update on the progress of the exam.

Advisory Opinion, Board staff provided the response from the Ethics Commission regarding a Board Member holding an officer position with an Association. Gloria Greed advised to request an AG's opinion of the Ethics Commission response. Board Staff will forward for AG's opinion.

COMPLAINTS

1072102798 and 1072102799 Recommendation to enter into an order with the Respondent.

164544022 Recommendation to dismiss, not the Board's jurisdiction.

Mr. Ray made a motion to dismiss. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon, and O'Keefe Against: none; Absent: None

1072102808 Recommendation to dismiss, not the Board's jurisdiction.

Mr. Ray made a motion to dismiss. Mr. Strebeck seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon, and O'Keefe Against: none; Absent: None

67920934 Recommendation to dismiss.

Mr. Dillon made a motion to dismiss. Ms. Biddle seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon, and O'Keefe Against: none; Absent: None

1072102796 Recommendation to dismiss.

Ms. Biddle made a motion to dismiss complaint with a letter of warning. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Biddle, Ray, Dillon, and O'Keefe Against: none; Absent: None; Recused: Strebeck

1072102802 Recommendation to dismiss.

Ms. Biddle made a motion to dismiss. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon, and O'Keefe Against: none; Absent: None

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1072102797 Recommendation to dismiss.

Mr. Ray made a motion to dismiss. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon, and O'Keefe Against: none; Absent: None

1072102806 Recommendation to dismiss.

Mr. Ray made a motion to dismiss with a letter of warning. Mr. Strebeck seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon, and O'Keefe Against: none; Absent: None

972150239 Recommendation to dismiss.

Ms. Biddle made a motion to dismiss. Mr. Dillon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon, and O'Keefe Against: none; Absent: None

1072102804 Recommendation to dismiss.

Mr. Dillon made a motion to dismiss. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Strebeck, Biddle, Ray, Dillon, and O'Keefe Against: none; Absent: None

143799693 Mr. Ray made a motion to continue to January 14, 2019 @ 9:00 am. Ms. Biddle seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Biddle, Ray, Dillon, and O'Keefe Against: none; Absent: None; Recused: Strebeck

ADJOURNMENT

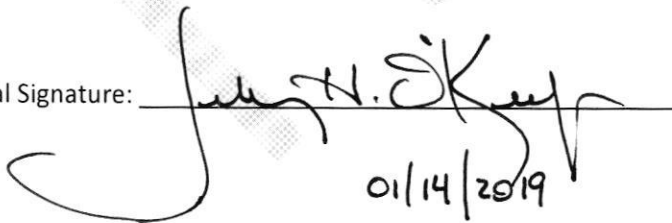
Mr. Luzern Dillon made the motion to adjourn.

Mr. David Ray seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Approval Signature: _____


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